Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Are Government aware that in years when the water in the river and in the canals is scarce, a lot of difficulty is caused by the people taking water clandestinely from these spouts which are not provided with such arrangement ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It is in reality to prevent such piracy that we have been putting up locking systems in these spouts. We have been doing it year by year. We have done a fair proportion of the work and it will be continued in the next years also.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Shall I take it that the policy of the Government is to provide all these spouts with locking arrangements ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes. As far as possible.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* May I know what the cost of providing a spout with this arrangement comes to ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It comes to about Rs. 15—20.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* What is the difficulty in making a lump provision in the budget to provide all these spouts with locking arrangements ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We have been doing that work for a period of years. There is no difficulty in providing a lump sum if necessary.

Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will the Government kindly consider the desirability of making a lump provision at least in the next year's budget so that all these spouts may be provided with locking arrangements ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter will be considered.

TRAFFIC BOARDS—CONSTITUTION OF

124. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have any information with regard to the mode of constitution of the District Road Traffic Boards in the Madras Presidency;

(*b*) is it not a fact these Boards are manned by non-officials also;

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(*c*) whether these Boards are elective or appointive;

(*d*) whether Government have considered the question of constituting such Boards in Cochin State to administer the Traffic Department;

(*e*) whether they have any objection to give consideration to this proposal, if they have not yet considered this question?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Appointive.

(*d*) *and* (*e*) Will be considered when the new Motor Vehicles Act comes into force.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, who are the members of the District Traffic Board in British Malabar?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* The Collector and District Magistrate, Chairman, the D. S. P., a member and one non-official member and one the District Board President.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Do Government consider that the control of traffic by such a Board will be conducive to the welfare of the pedestrians?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* The Board is not for the purpose of controlling traffic. It is only to prevent unhealthy competition and some such things.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* With regard to the award of G. permits to transport buses and registration of motor cars and with regard to the control of traffic this Board has a voice. I hope all these functions will be under the Traffic Board.

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes. It will be under the Traffic Board.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* So, is there any objection, Sir, in constituting such a Board in Cochin State?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* We have made similar provisions in the new Act, and the rules under the Act have already been drafted and submitted to Government for approval.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Are the rules already framed and published in the Gazette ?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* These have been submitted for Government approval.

Dr. SANKARAMBAL—PAY AND PROSPECTS OF

125. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Dr. Sankarambal, F.R.C.S. (England), is at present in the Medical service of the State;

(*b*) if not, where has she gone;

(*c*) when did she rejoin service after qualifying herself for F.R.C.S.; what was the pay then given to her;

(*d*) was she given any promotion after that; if so, to which grade of pay;

(*e*) whether she did apply for a Civil Surgeoncy after her re-joining duty; was her request granted;

(*f*) whether any of the medical officers of the State possess a better qualification in Surgery than her?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) She has gone to take up service in the Mysore State.

(*c*) On 2nd Karkadagam 1114. Her pay then was Rs. 135.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No; but she had requested that her status and pay might be raised. The request was not granted.

(*f*) Academically none, but professionally there are several.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* What is the meaning of answer to (f), "but professionally there are several" ?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Professionally there are people better qualified and who are more competent.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* In the opinion of whom ?

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* I think it is very bad to have included that part of the answer.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Who determines competency ?

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